State	HPT	LPT
		Karanjia
		Rajgangpur
		Umarkot
		Birmitrapur
		Khariar
		Simliguda
		Kendrapara
		Jalpara
		Gondiya
		Kotpad
		Bahalda
		Nagchi
		Sambalpur

Round the clock Doordarshan relay programme

7865. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to introduce round the clock Doordarshan channel from this year;

(b) if so, the date from which the round the clock programme is proposed to be introduced; and

(c) the details of the areas is different States and particularly Orissa where the people can view the round the clock programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir. The Doordarshan international service, which will be a satellite channel, is proposed to be started by hiring transponders on the PAS 4 satellite which is scheduled to be launched this year.

(b) No firm time frame can be indicated for this purpose at present.

(c) The channel will be available for viewing in all parts of the country including Orissa with the help of a suitable dish antenna system.

Status of news readers in AIR

7866. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN. Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether news readers of All India Radio were declared Government servants by the Supreme Court in 1989;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that no follow-up action has been taken so far regarding their status, cadre and promotional avenues; if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have received any representation from the All India Radio Newscasters Association recently;